

## PERRY ACCEPTS COACHING CONTRACT

### Elon Will Offer Major In Physical Education

Appointment of Superintendent J. L. (Hap) Perry of Reidsville as head coach at Elon is the first step in a re-organized program of physical education designed to meet the post-war need for expansion in this field, it was announced today by Dr. L. E. Smith, President of the college.

Beginning with the Spring Quarter of this year, Elon will offer a major in this department. A four-year program has been arranged, and further additions to the staff will be announced. Class work in this field will lead to a bachelor's degree and teaching certificate. After careful study by the curriculum committee, the course has been established according to the best of present practices at major universities and specialized schools of physical education.

Coach Perry will head the staff and direct the work of the majors in the department. Experience in teaching and coaching, and in school administration, has given Mr. Perry firsthand knowledge of the need for specialists in this work. At a recent interview, Superintendent Perry said, "I am convinced that here is a real opportunity to contribute to the solution of a pressing problem in the public schools of our state. In the past, too often the duties and qualifications of the instructor in health and physical education have been made secondary to the needs of some other department. Health is the acknowledged first objective of our National Education Association; but the public has not yet become sufficiently aware of the need for larger programs, larger staffs of trained physical educators, and a more intensive direction of the health and athletic programs we offer to our children."

Courses to be given in the department will include the coaching of major sports, swimming and life-saving, hygiene, anatomy, physiology of exercise, first aid, calisthenics, the use of gymnastic apparatus, methods of teaching and related work in education and psychology. Completion of the four-year program will lead to the bachelor's degree with a major in physical education.

Registration in this department will begin in the Spring Quarter on March 10. All veterans and regularly enrolled students who meet physical and scholastic requirements are eligible to sign for the work. Swimming and life-saving will be given in the outdoor pool during the summer months until the new gym is erected.

### Elon Play Wins Place In State Contest

"ZENGARA," an original one-act drama by Elizabeth R. Smith, J. W. Clapp, and the department of dramatics, has been approved for production by committee of judges for the 1946 festival of drama at Chapel Hill. This means that it is among the best written for this year's collegiate entries.

Preparation of manuscripts for next year's competition is already underway. Deadline for submitting the plays is December 20 of each year.

Try-outs of the cast for the play are being held. It will be presented at Chapel Hill during the first week of April, unless a regional festival is announced to take place at an earlier date.

The production and writing awards are made separately. And since the play is already assured of a place among the manuscripts judged, the Elon Players now hope to make its production good enough to win a plaque for staging it during the festival week.

Any student or instructor wishing to write for next year's contest should report to some member of the faculty of English, or to Mrs. Elizabeth R. Smith, director of Dramatics.

### Icy Snow Lingers On Campus

Approximately ten inches of snow blanketed the Elon College Community last week. The heavy crystals fell Wednesday evening and night, January 16., and Thursday morning's breakfast and classes met a haphazard schedule with very few day students being able to get through. It was the heaviest snow to fall in this vicinity since "the big snow" of 1940. Transportation facilities were hampered for several days because of the snow and ice. Snowball fighting took preference to all other outdoor pastimes for three days, until falling sleet and colder weather turned the soft white layers into an icy sheet, part of which remains on the campus.

Several attractive snow-covered campus scenes were snapped by Dr. French for the Phippsli early Thursday morning before the smooth surface of the thick white coverage was disturbed by playful boots. The MAROON AND GOLD editor coveted the striking print of Senior Oak, which is pictured on this page.

### Conrad Thibault In Concert February 7

Conrad Thibault, famous baritone of the Philadelphia Grand Opera Company, will sing in the college auditorium on Thursday evening, February 7. The concert is one of a series sponsored by college and the American Business Club of Burlington.

Thibault, who is a descendent of the great French novelist, Anatole France, hails from Northampton, Mass. President Calvin Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge helped to sponsor his early career at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

Student activity books will be honored for admittance to the concert. The general public is requested to call the college business office or the American Business Club concerning admissions.

### LOUISE CLAYTON NAMED VICE-PRESIDENT

Louise Clayton, Prospect Hill, a biology major, was elected vice-president of the Junior class at a brief meeting held Thursday morning in Prof. Barney's classroom. Betsy Smith, class president, presided over the meeting. Other Junior officers are Dale Hensley, secretary; and Catherine Cooper, treasurer.



SENIOR OAK ON THE DAY AFTER THE SNOW. Elon's most beloved tree stands guard above all other trees on West Campus with the same beauty and simplicity that is possessed by the day the college was founded. The white-topped wall reveals the depth of the snow, as West End Hall and the President's Home may be seen in the background.

### SNOW-WHITE

In a white ethereal joy serene  
Drifting far, far through an ocean of space  
In billows crested by the storm king, keen  
Comes the snow with quickening pace.

The massive blanket earthward cast  
Falling, colliding, floating whitely down  
Puts a hat upon a post  
Trims a chimney's red night gown.

The leafless trees garbed in grey  
Receive a majestic robe of white  
And with muted choral voices  
Sigh harmoniously through the night.

Old King Snow daunts not the squirrel in his nest  
Cuddled silently in sweet repose;  
The vast fields in this bright splendor dressed  
Dwarf the field mouse tripping lightly down the rows.  
—E. L. D.



EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE MAROON AND GOLD poses for a picture after staff meeting in which plans were discussed for the remainder of this year's editorship. Standing around Co-editor Verdalee Norris, Sanford, and Editor Tom Horner, New Bern, are Emerson Whitley, Ula, sports editor; Catherine Cooper, Burlington, associate editor; Joyce Smith, Whiteville, feature editor; and Betty Benton, Norfolk, Va., managing editor. Applications for next year's editorship may now be submitted for the spring elections. The new editor will take over in April.

## Elon Alumnus Will Direct Major Sports

### County Superintendent Addresses Club

"The purpose of a school is twofold! to guide, and to direct the physical, social, and emotional lines of boys and women, and to improve life of the community," declared M. B. Yount, superintendent of Alamance county schools, in an address to the Education Club, Thursday evening January 24, in Society Hall. Mr. Yount was introduced by Earl Danieleley, president of the group.

Mr. Yount explained the organization and operation of the community centered school. Pointing out that all useful knowledge is not learned in books, and that much useful knowledge can be learned in machine shops, and agricultural projects; Mr. Yount stressed the importance of the school, and community working interchangeably, toward reconstructing a nation from total war.

Other visitors at the meeting were William P. Saunders, former supervisor of Instruction in Alamance county, Dr. Theo Dalton, supervisor of instruction in Alamance county, who is also a member of the Education faculty, and Miss Ida M. Greenfield, Dean of Women.

A discussion period followed the address, under the direction of Earl Danieleley, president of the club, during which the members of the club discussed with the speaker, guests, and club's sponsor, Dr. S. C. Deskins, head of the department of education, various phases of the community centered school.

### Elon Players To Present Radio Sketches

Mrs. Elizabeth Riddick Smith, head of the Department of Dramatics, announced this week that the Elon Players in conjunction with radio station WBBB would present a number of sketches in March.

Readings from the radio program "Mr. and Mrs. North" will be used in the auditions to be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, January 29, 30 and 31. There are parts for four women and sixteen men are urged to attend the tryouts from 11:30 to 3:30 each afternoon in the Little Theatre.

Those selected from the auditions will appear on the half-hour radio sketches to be given in March.

### Christians Beat ECTC Five, 52-41

Thirteen is supposed to be an unlucky number, but Elon's Fighting Christians paid no attention to superstition at Greenville last night, when they tangled with Eastern Carolina Teachers College, their thirteenth opponent of the season, and pranced off with a 52-41 North State conference cage victory. The Elon basketballers now boast an over-all record of nine wins and four defeats and have won three and lost one in the conference.

Headed by Roney Cates, whose 16 points were high for the evening, the Maroon and Gold jumped into an early lead against the E.C.T.C. Pirates and pulled away to a 32-24 margin at halftime. The second half found the home team unable to overhaul the visiting Christians. Sharing the scoring honors with Cates were Captain Warren Burns and Don Kernodle, each of whom netted 12 points for Elon. Outstanding for the losers were two brothers, Jesse and James Parker. The former topped his team's individual scoring with nine points, while his brother and B. Moye made eight apiece.

Tonight the Elon squad moves over to Wilson for another conference clash with Atlantic Christian College.

L. J. "Hap" Perry of Reidsville, one of North Carolina's leading high school football coaches, has agreed to the terms of a five-year contract as athletic director and head coach of all three major sports, at Elon College. Dr. L. E. Smith, president of the college, announced this week.

A graduate of Elon, Perry attended Wake Forest and the University of North Carolina before going to Reidsville as head coach 19 years ago. He advanced to the position of superintendent of city schools there, but has continued to coach athletics, and has turned out numerous Western Class B conference and State Class B championship teams.

In addition to his high school coaching, Perry has been a close follower of college football teams as an official. For several years he has officiated, usually as head linesman, in a college game somewhere in the South nearly every week-end. This year he was one of the officials at the Wake Forest-South Carolina "Gator Bowl" game at Jacksonville, Fla., January 1.

Perry will be the first football coach at Elon since Horace Hendrickson left after the 1941 season to become backfield coach at the University of Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1942 the trustees voted to de-emphasize all varsity sports for the duration of the war and football was dropped.

The college returned to the North State conference in basketball last year, is competing in the cage sport again this year and has plans for a baseball team in the spring. The return of football next fall will round out a normal varsity athletic program. Elon won the North State championship in football its last season.

Player prospects have not been discussed at length, but Dr. Smith said the new coach will begin at once lining up his squad for practice. The president said no athletic scholarships have been offered yet, but he said "Elon doesn't intend to take too many beatings." All previous scholarships were cancelled when the sport was dropped.

Former students who have returned to the college entered on their own accord, Dr. Smith said. The enrollment of men has taken a turn upward, and Elon expects enough students to provide a sizeable turnout in all sports in time for the next school year.

Perry will complete this school year at Reidsville, but his resignation has been accepted, effective June 30. He is scheduled to conduct spring football practice here, however; driving to the institution each afternoon after school hours to direct the workouts. Football will be resumed on a normal prewar basis next fall.

Terms of the contract were not disclosed, but Dr. Smith said it was drawn up for a five-year period. Perry had declined an Elon offer two weeks ago on the statement that he could not get a release from his two-year contract at Reidsville, but after another conference with college officials he agreed to terms on January 19.

Football is his chief sport, but Perry will also direct basketball and baseball. An assistant coach will be named later at Perry's recommendation, Dr. Smith said.

### RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE HELD IN RALEIGH

The Seventh Annual Institute of Religion will be held in Raleigh on Monday evenings from January 23 through February 25. It is a committee institution and sponsored by the United Church in Raleigh. Courses will be offered in St. John's Gospel, ethics, youth forum, "How can I teach my child religion, etc. Rev. Allyn P. Robinson will be in charge and several distinguished speakers will be present.